201. Daily Summary Excerpt, 20 October 1950, Chinese Communist Intervention in Korea

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Chinese Communist intervention in Korea--The US Military Liaison Officer in Hong Kong transmits a report that the Peiping regime has decided to take military action in North Korea. (The report is attributed to a representative of the [redacted])

According to source, 400,000 Chinese Communist troops had been moved to the Korean border and alerted to cross on the night of 18 October or "two days later."

(CIA Comment: For some time the Chinese Communists have possessed the capability for direct military intervention in the Korean conflict. CIA believes, however, that the optimum time for such action has passed. The USSR and China are not considered at this time to be willing to assume the increased risk of precipitating a third World War which would result from direct Chinese Communist intervention in Korea.)

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